

**City of Bloomington
Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission
April 8, 2015**

6:30 p.m.

Present: Gordie Holm, Chairperson; James McCarthy, Vice Chairperson; Commissioners, Marie Holm, Peter Moe, Ben Murphy, Dave Rickert, Lenny Schmitz

Absent:

Staff: Randy Quale, Parks and Recreation Manager
Alison Evans, Recording Secretary

Visitors: Jamie Verbrugge, City Manager
Jim Urie, Center for the Arts Manager
Liz Heyman, Planning Department

Call to Order Chairperson G. Holm called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Visitors City Manager Verbrugge introduced himself and thanked the Commission members for their service.
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Cultural Arts Center for the Arts Manager Jim Urie presented the Cultural Arts Organizations 2014 Annual Reports. Urie noted that the overall funding has remained stable and that attendances at Annual Reports programs have increased. Urie gave background on each different art group. The Commission reviewed the report with no concerns. G. Holm commended Urie on his new format for reporting that began about three years ago.
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Urie also highlighted an upcoming performance from *Alive and Kickin* as well as the upcoming Placemaking event in the South Loop.

Alternative Transportation Plan Quale presented the Alternative Transportation Plan Update. He stated that the plan is on schedule for approval in May of 2015. Quale highlighted the regional trails and community

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Minnesota River Valley Master Plan Update Item #4.2	Quale presented the Minnesota River Valley Master Plan draft to the Commission. He focused on the four goals of the plan which include enhancing access, improving utilization, increasing awareness and understanding and protecting and preserving natural and cultural resources. The plan also included development cost estimates, current and potential funding sources, top priorities and site specific improvements. The Commission agreed with the priorities listed in the plan. Quale asked the Commission to provide any further comments or suggestions via email. The draft plan is slated to be presented to Council in May and a public open house to solicit input on the draft plan will be scheduled sometime in June.
Park Improvement Projects Update Item #4.3	The Commission reviewed the park improvement projects update highlighting the Normandale Lake parking lot reconstruction, the 2015 park improvement projects including Dupont and Hampshire Hills playground replacements and the reconstruction of the Valley View tennis courts. The Commission did not have any further questions or concerns.
City Council Action Pertaining to Parks and Recreation Item #5.1	The Commission reviewed the City Council Action pertaining to Parks and Recreation from the regular meetings on March 2 nd and 16 th .
Parks and Recreation Manager's Report Item #5.2	The Commission reviewed the Parks and Recreation Manager's Report. Quale highlighted summer sign up beginning for programs, Hennepin County Youth Sports Grant award for soccer goals, the Intercity Regional Trail project and the Old Cedar Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation project.
Recommendation to Hold April 22nd Study Meeting	Staff recommended holding the April 22 nd study meeting for park tours. A draft of the tour stops was presented to the Commission. McCarthy requested Haeg Park be added to the tour schedule.

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Approval of Minutes– L/Schmitz, J/McCarthy to approve the minutes of the amended March 11th, 2015 Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission meeting. The motion carried 7-0.
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Adjournment G/Holm, D/Rickert, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.
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Alison Evans

Recording Secretary